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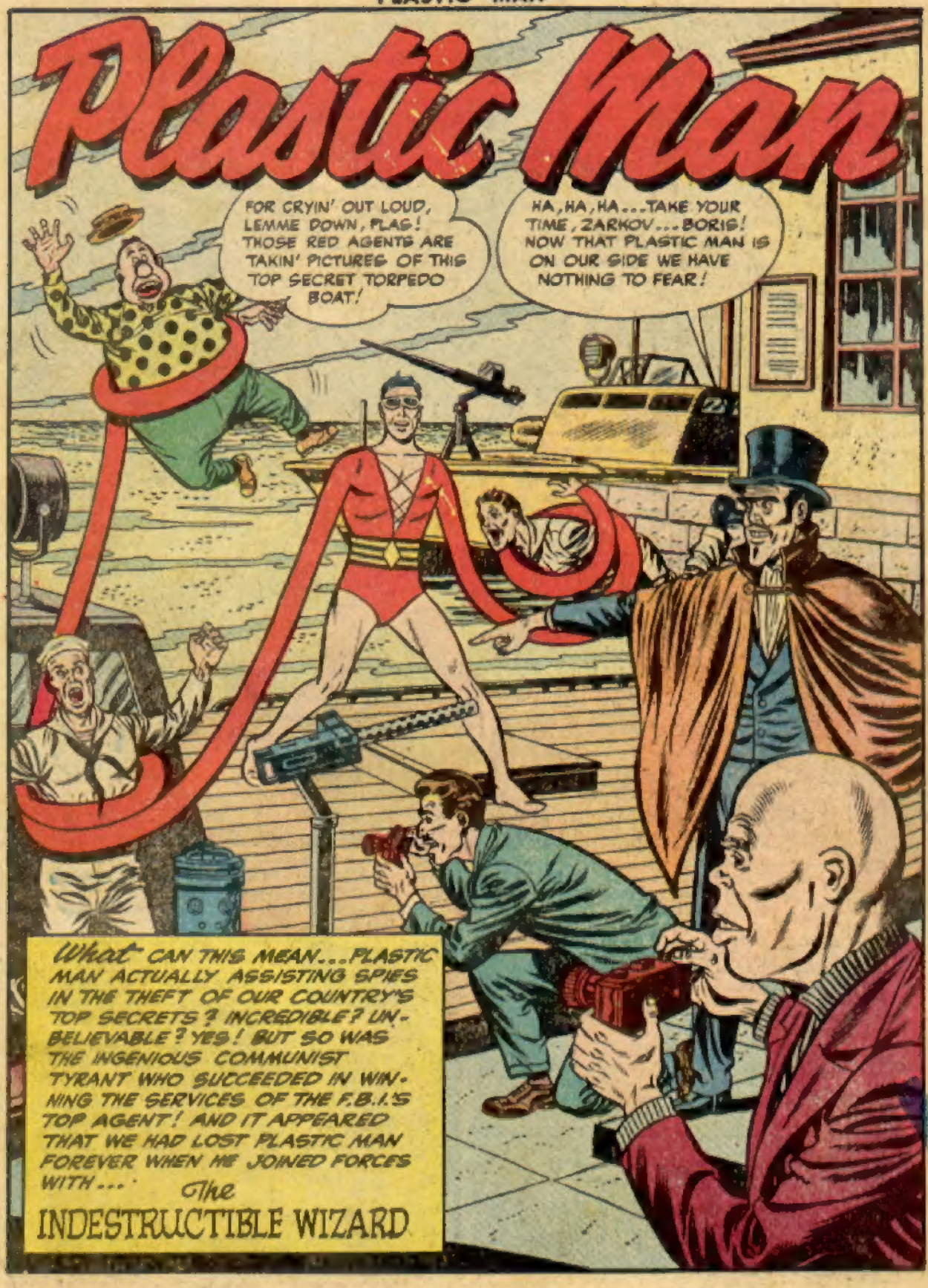
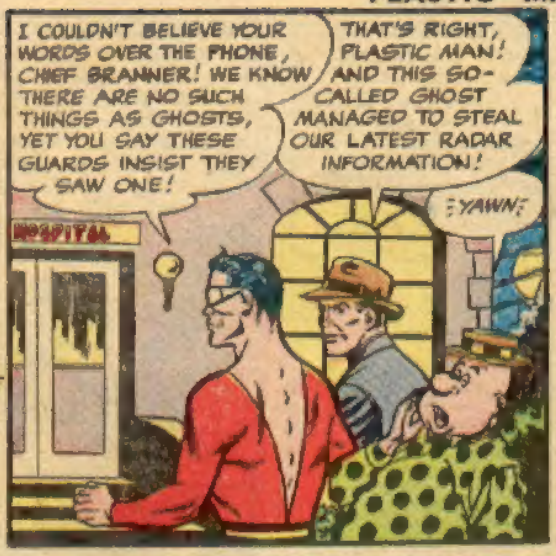
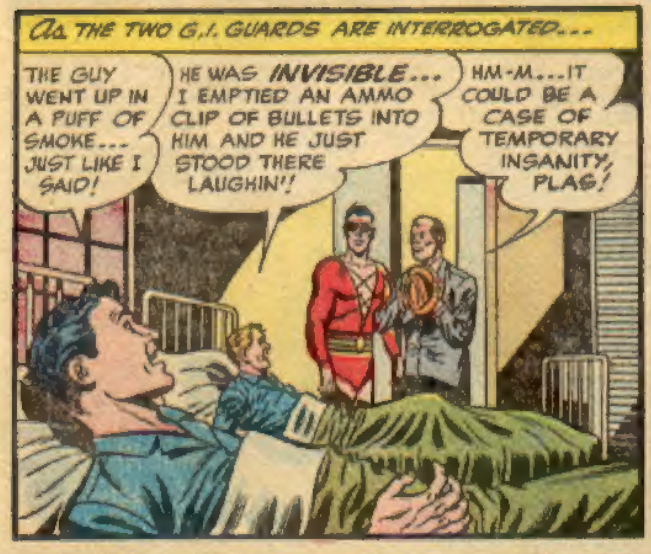

Plastic Man
FOR CRYIN' OUT LOUD, LEMME DOWN, PLAS! THOSE RED AGENTS ARE TAKIN' PICTURES OF THIS TOP SECRET TORPEDO BOAT!
HA, HA, HA... TAKE YOUR TIME, ZARKOV... BORIS! NOW THAT PLASTIC MAN IS ON OUR SIDE WE HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR!
What CAN THIS MEAN... PLASTIC MAN ACTUALLY ASSISTING SPIES IN THE THEFT OF OUR COUNTRY'S TOP SECRETS? INCREDIBLE? UNBELIEVABLE? YES! BUT SO WAS THE INGENIOUS COMMUNIST TYRANT WHO SUCCEEDED IN WINNING THE SERVICES OF THE F.B.I.'S TOP AGENT! AND IT APPEARED THAT WE HAD LOST PLASTIC MAN FOREVER WHEN HE JOINED FORCES WITH... The INDESTRUCTIBLE WIZARD

AN OMINOUS FIGURE APPROACHES THE GUARDHOUSE AT U.S. ARMY RADAR HEADQUARTERS! HE IS IMMEDIATELY CHALLENGED!
HALT! WHO GOES THERE?
MERELY A LOST CITIZEN SEEKING INFORMATION, SOLDIER! DIRECTION TO THE CITY, PLEASE!
YOU GO DOWN THERE TWO BLOCKS AND... Y-YIPES!
HEY, JOE! WHATSA MATTER?
T-THERE WAS A GUY HERE JUST A SECOND AGO! I WAS TELLIN' HIM THE WAY TO TOWN AND...HE DISAPPEARED IN A PUFF OF SMOKE!
HUH? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT IN THE HEAD, JOE? WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO KID?
IT'S THE TRUTH... HONEST! YA GOTTA BELIEVE ME... THE GUY VANISHED!
HEY...YOU'RE REALLY SERIOUS! I'M CALLIN' IN FOR RELIEF AND BRINGING YOU OVER TO THE MEDICS! YOU'VE GONE GUARD HAPPY!
HE, HE, HE... BLINDING THAT GUARD WITH FLASH POWDER GAVE ME THE SPLIT SECOND I NEEDED TO SLIP PAST HIM UNDETECTED!
MOMENTS LATER, IN THE CORRIDOR LEADING TO THE OFFICE WHERE TOP SECRET INFORMATION IS FILED...
HEY, YOU... STOP! OR I'LL SHOOT!
FOOL! YOUR THREAT DOES NOT FRIGHTEN ME! BULLETS CANNOT HARM...
...A GHOST!
G-GULP! A-A...GHOST! I MUST BE SEEING THINGS! IT MUST BE A GAG...THERE'S ONE WAY TO FIND OUT!
T-THE BULLETS...THEY'RE NOT AFFECTIN' HIM! LEMME OUT OF HERE! IT... IS A GHOST!
HA, HA, HA... HO, HO, HO!
THOSE SLUGS ARE BOUNCING OFF MY BULLET-PROOF VEST LIKE PEBBLES! NOW TO TAKE THIS LUMINOUS MASK OFF AND GET TO WORK!
BLAM! BLAM!

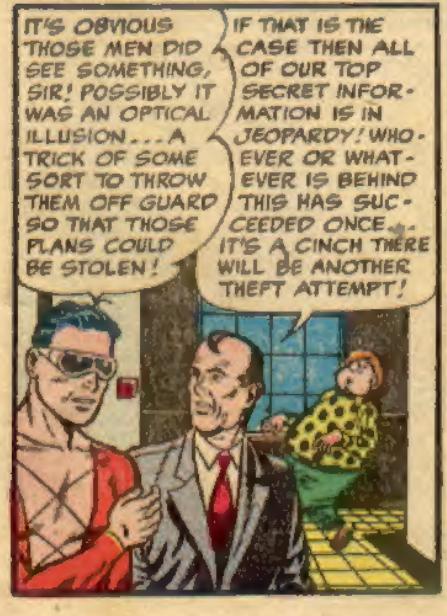
Thus IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT F.B.I. AGENT PLASTIC MAN AND HIS CHUBBY ASSISTANT, WOOZY WINKS, ARRIVE AT AN ARMY HOSPITAL IN RESPONSE TO THEIR SUPERIOR'S URGENT CALL!


I COULDN'T BELIEVE YOUR WORDS OVER THE PHONE, CHIEF BRANNER! WE KNOW THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS GHOSTS, YET YOU SAY THESE GUARDS INSIST THEY SAW ONE!
THAT'S RIGHT, PLASTIC MAN! AND THIS SO-CALLED GHOST MANAGED TO STEAL OUR LATEST RADAR INFORMATION!
HOSPITAL
;YAWN;

HM-M, NOW WHAT WOULD A GHOST WANT WITH OUR TOP SECRET RADAR PLANS?
CRAZY, ISN'T IT? THIS IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH CASE TO CRACK, PLAS! THAT'S WHY I WANTED YOU TO BE PRESENT WHEN I QUESTIONED THE GUARDS!
ZZZZ!
EXIT


As THE TWO G.I. GUARDS ARE INTERROGATED...
THE GUY WENT UP IN A PUFF OF SMOKE... JUST LIKE I SAID!
HE WAS INVISIBLE... I EMPTIED AN AMMO CLIP OF BULLETS INTO HIM AND HE JUST STOOD THERE LAUGHIN'!
HM-M... IT COULD BE A CASE OF TEMPORARY INSANITY, PLAS!

THEIR STORIES DO SOUND INCREDIBLE, SIR! BUT I DOUBT IF TWO PEOPLE WOULD SUFFER UNDER THE SAME DELUSION... AND AT THE SAME TIME! LET'S STEP OUTSIDE WHERE WE CAN TALK!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, MEN!


IT'S OBVIOUS THOSE MEN DID SEE SOMETHING, SIR! POSSIBLY IT WAS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION... A TRICK OF SOME SORT TO THROW THEM OFF GUARD SO THAT THOSE PLANS COULD BE STOLEN!
IF THAT IS THE CASE THEN ALL OF OUR TOP SECRET INFORMATION IS IN JEOPARDY! WHOEVER OR WHATEVER IS BEHIND THIS HAS SUCCEEDED ONCE... IT'S A CINCH THERE WILL BE ANOTHER THEFT ATTEMPT!

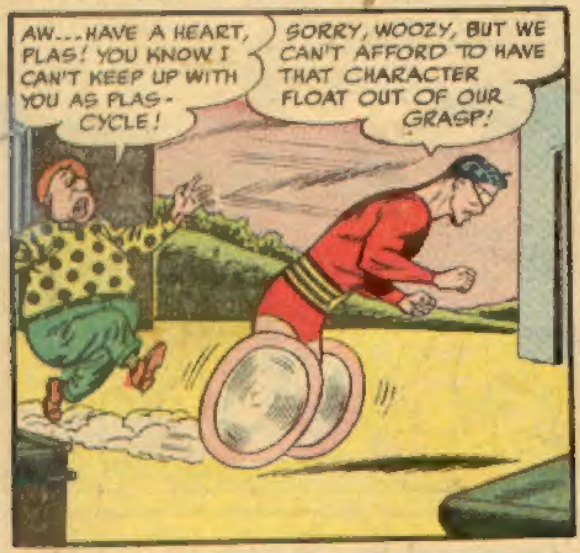
I'M HAVING THE GUARD DETAILS DOUBLED AT ALL IMPORTANT LOCATIONS! YOU AND WOOZY STAND BY FOR ACTION!
RIGHT, SIR! WELL, WOOZY.. WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF ALL THIS?
H-HUH! I... ER, AGREE WITH EVERYTHIN' THAT'S BEEN SAID, PLAS, YESSIREE!

The VERY NEXT EVENING, PLASTIC MAN IS SUMMONED FOR HELP!
I JUST RECEIVED AN EMERGENCY CALL FROM THE ARMY PROVING GROUNDS, PLAS! A FLOATING GHOST HAS BEEN REPORTED IN THE RESTRICTED AREA!
WOW! THIS IS WHAT WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR, CHIEF! I'LL GET RIGHT OVER THERE AND RUN THIS GHOST CHARACTER DOWN!
G-GHOST?

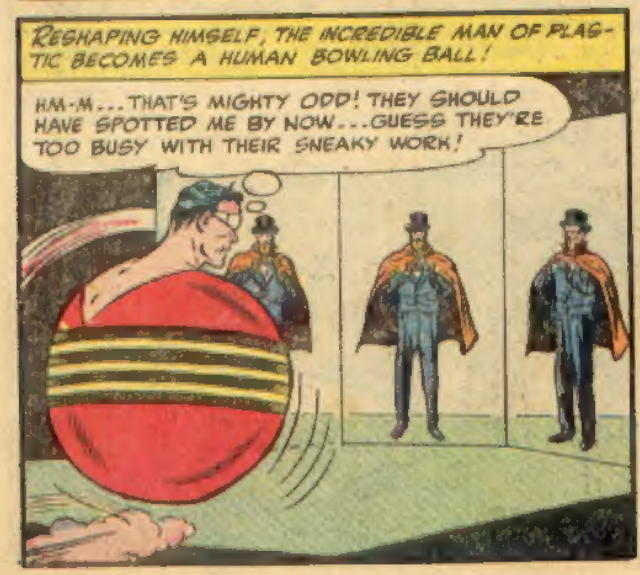
RIGHT, WOOZY... PROBABLY THE SAME ONE THAT HAUNTED THE RADAR HEADQUARTERS! GET READY! YOU'RE GOING TO DO A LITTLE FLYING!
OH, OH... I GET AIR-SICK AWFUL EASY! BUT IF YOU SAY SO, PLAS, OKAY!

TWISTING HIS BODY COUNTLESS TIMES, THE MAN OF RUBBER REVERSES HIS ACTION AND BECOMES A HUMAN HELI-COPTER!
I-I CAN'T LOOK! THIS IS MURDER, PLAS!
WE'LL BE LANDING IN A MINUTE, WOOZY! THE ARMY PROVING GROUND IS RIGHT DOWN BELOW!

LANDING, THE FAMED TEAM CAN HARDLY BELIEVE THEIR EYES AS...
J-JUMPING JEHOSHAPHAT! DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE, PLAS?
A... FLOATING GHOST, WOOZY! I THINK I'LL JOIN HIM AND HOLD A LITTLE SEANCE... HE'S GOT THE ANSWERS TO SOME QUESTIONS I'D LIKE TO ASK!

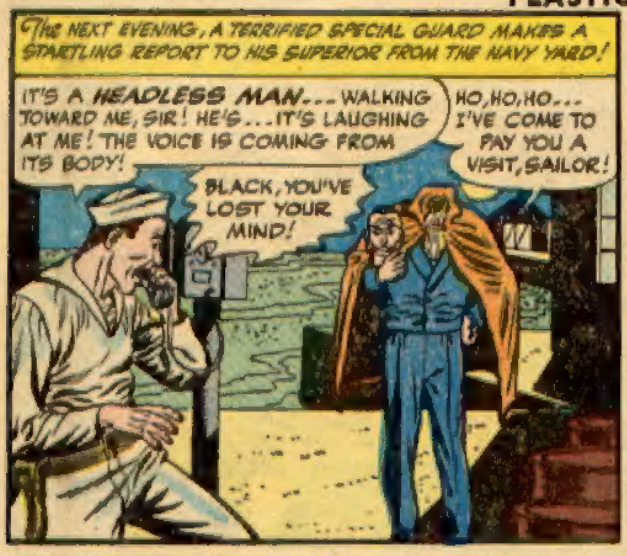

AW... HAVE A HEART, PLAS! YOU KNOW I CAN'T KEEP UP WITH YOU AS PLAS-CYCLE!
SORRY, WOOZY, BUT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE THAT CHARACTER FLOAT OUT OF OUR GRASP!

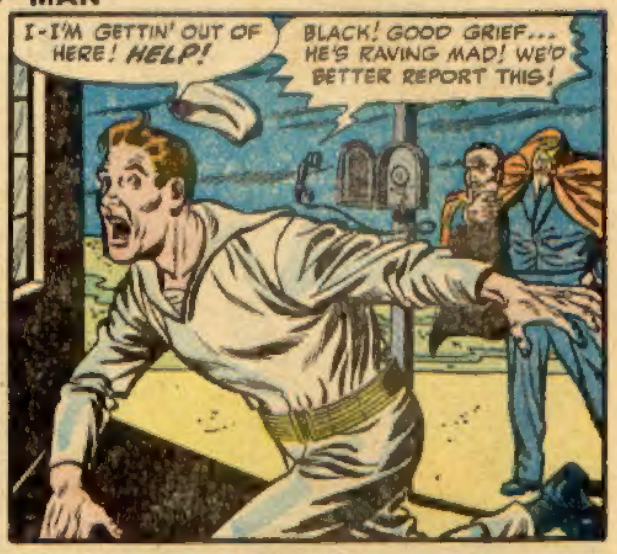
GREAT SCOTT! THERE ARE THREE OF THEM... TRIPLETS! AND THEY'RE TAKING PICTURES OF THE ARMY'S SECRET TANK! I'VE GOT TO BOWL THEM OVER FAST!

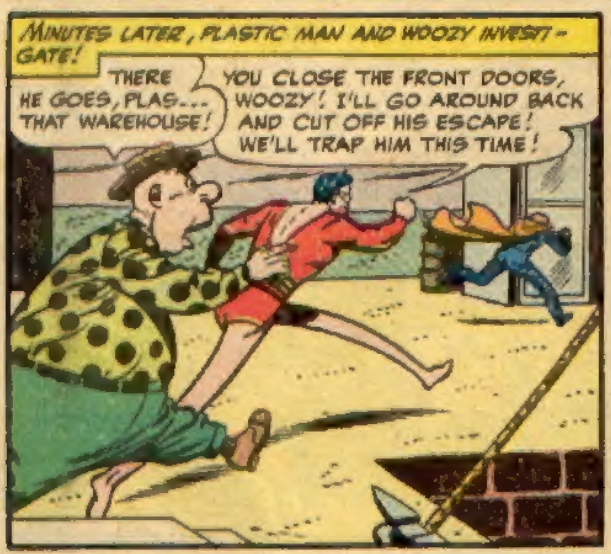

RESHAPING HIMSELF, THE INCREDIBLE MAN OF PLASTIC BECOMES A HUMAN BOWLING BALL!
HM-M... THAT'S MIGHTY ODD! THEY SHOULD HAVE SPOTTED ME BY NOW... GUESS THEY'RE TOO BUSY WITH THEIR SNEAKY WORK!

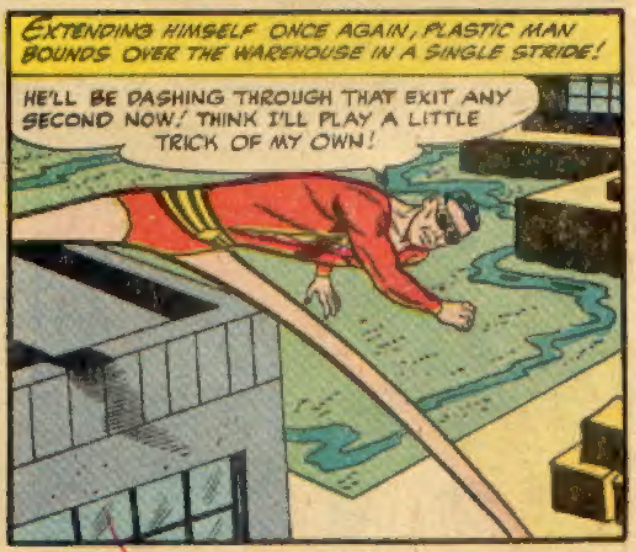
W-WHA... A MIRROR! THE GLASS... IT MAY PUNCTURE ME FOR KEEPS!
SO... THE RUBBER MAN IS AFTER ME! I WILL TAKE CARE OF HIM ANOTHER DAY... RIGHT NOW I MUST ESCAPE WITH THESE PHOTOGRAPHS!
CRAAASH!

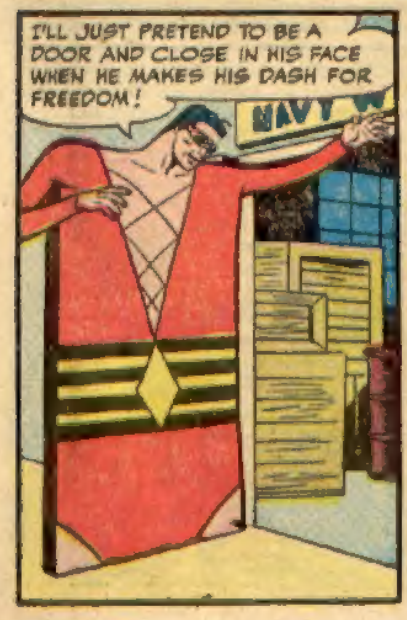
PLAS! WHAT HAPPENED? I HEARD A LOT OF GLASS BREAKIN'! H-HUH?
I FELL FOR THE OLDEST MAGICIAN'S TRICK IN THE WORLD...OUCH...WOOZY... THE MIRROR REFLECTION ACT...OUCH...
BUT THE GHOST, PLAS... WHERE'D HE GO?
THAT WAS NO GHOST, WOOZY, IT WAS SOME CLEVER CHARACTER WHO IS UTILIZING MAGICIAN'S TRICKS TO CONFUSE AND FRIGHTEN GUARDS SO THAT HE MAY SUCCESSFULLY ROB AND SABOTAGE!
SEE...HE SOMEHOW SNEAKED IN HERE AND PLANTED THESE INVISIBLE WIRES BEFORE HE WENT INTO HIS FLOATING GHOST ROUTINE! WE HAD BETTER NOTIFY CHIEF BRANNER ABOUT THIS...THIS WIZARD AT ONCE!
GEE...I'LL SAY HE'S A WIZARD! HOW WE GONNA PINCH A GUY LIKE THAT, PLAS?
That EVENING, SINISTER FIGURES HOLD AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE...AMONG THEM THE INCREDIBLE WIZARD!
I SAY WE CEASE OPERATIONS IMMEDIATELY, WIZARD! THIS PLASTIC MAN IS NOT ONE TO TRIFLE WITH...HE HAS ARRESTED SOME OF OUR TOP AGENTS!
WE ARE UNDER ORDERS FROM THE KREMLIN TO DELIVER SPECIFIC TOP SECRET INFORMATION, ZARKOV! WE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL THAT INFORMATION IS OBTAINED!
BESIDES...THERE IS NO NEED TO FEAR THAT RUBBER MAN! I HAVE ALREADY OUTWITTED HIM ONCE...AND I HAVE OTHER ACES UP MY SLEEVE!
PERHAPS IF YOU WOULD TELL BORIS AND ME WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND WE MAY BREATHE EASIER, WIZARD!
YEAH! I WANT TO KNOW!
IDIOTS! A GREAT MAGICIAN DOES NOT REVEAL HIS SECRETS...EVEN TO THOSE IN HIS CONFIDENCE! HOWEVER, I WILL PROMISE YOU THIS...PLASTIC MAN WILL NOT TROUBLE US AFTER MY NEXT MEETING WITH HIM!
Meanwhile, IN CHIEF BRANNER'S OFFICE...
A MAGICIAN, EH.. THOSE COMMIES ARE A CLEVER LOT! WELL, PLAS, HOW DO YOU INTEND TO FIGHT THIS CHARACTER?
IT SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT NOW THAT I KNOW HIS SECRET, CHIEF! THE NEXT TIME THE WIZARD STRIKES I'LL BE WATCHING FOR HIS TRICKERY...I MAY BE ABLE TO OUTWIT HIM!
I'D BET ON YOU ANY TIME, PLAS!


The next evening, a terrified special guard makes a startling report to his superior from the navy yard!
IT'S A HEADLESS MAN... WALKING TOWARD ME, SIR! HE'S... IT'S LAUGHING AT ME! THE VOICE IS COMING FROM ITS BODY!
HO, HO, HO... I'VE COME TO PAY YOU A VISIT, SAILOR!
BLACK, YOU'VE LOST YOUR MIND!


I-I'M GETTIN' OUT OF HERE! HELP!
BLACK! GOOD GRIEF... HE'S RAVING MAD! WE'D BETTER REPORT THIS!


Minutes later, Plastic Man and Woozy investigate!
THERE HE GOES, PLAS... THAT WAREHOUSE!
YOU CLOSE THE FRONT DOORS, WOOZY! I'LL GO AROUND BACK AND CUT OFF HIS ESCAPE! WE'LL TRAP HIM THIS TIME!


Extending himself once again, Plastic Man bounds over the warehouse in a single stride!
HE'LL BE DASHING THROUGH THAT EXIT ANY SECOND NOW! THINK I'LL PLAY A LITTLE TRICK OF MY OWN!


I'LL JUST PRETEND TO BE A DOOR AND CLOSE IN HIS FACE WHEN HE MAKES HIS DASH FOR FREEDOM!
NAVY

ODD... HE SHOULD HAVE COME THROUGH THERE BY NOW! PERHAPS HE DOUBLED BACK BEFORE WOOZY COULD LOCK THE FRONT ENTRANCE! I'D BETTER HAVE A LOOK!

ANOTHER STEP, PLASTIC MAN, AND YOU WILL BE DOOMED!

NOW!
SWISH!
W-WHA...
CRASH!
HA,HA,HA...IT IS FUTILE TO STRUGGLE,RUBBER MAN! I WEIGHTED THAT CRATE WITH ENOUGH LEAD TO SINK A SHIP!
A CUNNING MOVE, WIZARD! NOW YOU'RE MOVING IN FOR THE KILL, EH?
HARDLY, PLASTIC MAN! I WOULDN'T THINK OF WASTING TALENT SUCH AS YOURS! NO INDEED...HE,HE,HE... I WILL PUT YOUR ABILITY TO GOOD USE! COME HERE!
H-HUH? WHAT DEVILISH SCHEME ARE YOU UP TO NOW?
THE FANATICAL WIZARD GLARES INTO PLASTIC MAN'S EYES REPEATING A SENTENCE!
LOOK AT ME, PLASTIC MAN... I AM YOUR MASTER! I AM YOUR MASTER! I AM YOUR MASTER!
M-MY HEAD...CAN'T THINK...IT'S REELING!
Y-YES...YOU ARE MY MASTER, WIZARD! I WILL OBEY YOUR COMMANDS!
AH... HE IS UNDER MY SPELL! NOW TO UNLOAD THIS LEAD FROM THE CRATE AND LEAVE... WITH PLASTIC MAN'S ASSISTANCE!
SHORTLY
FORM YOURSELF INTO THE SHAPE OF A SCOOTER, PLASTIC MAN! YOU MUST OBEY ME!
YES, MASTER!
HA,HA,HA...OFF AND AWAY, PLASTIC MAN! NOW THAT WE ARE PARTNERS NOTHING CAN PREVENT MY SUCCESS!
GEE, PLAS TAKIN' ORDERS FROM THE WIZARD! I-I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! GUESS I'D BETTER TELL CHIEF BRANNER ON THE DOUBLE!
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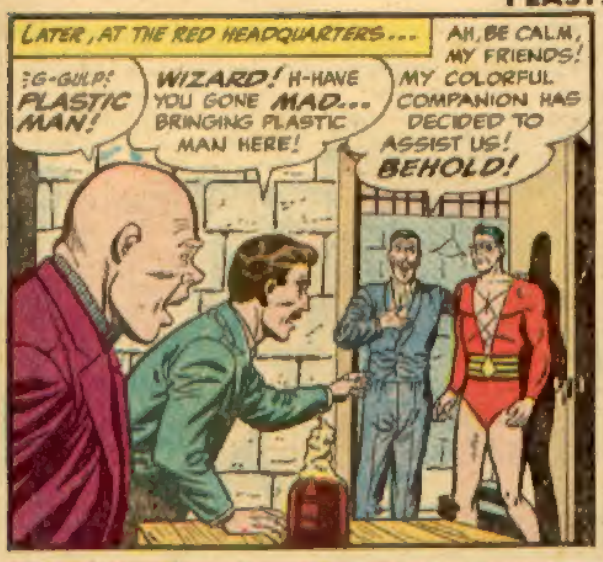
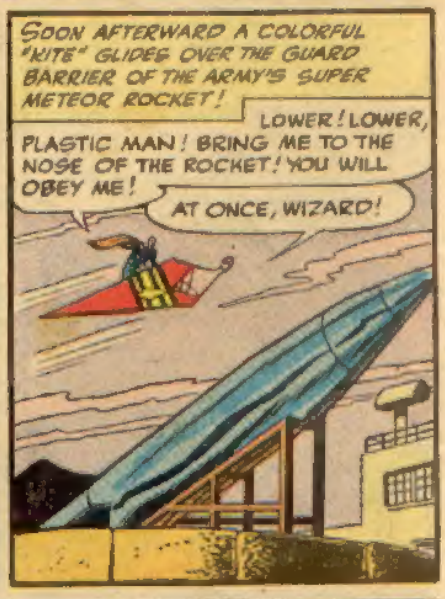
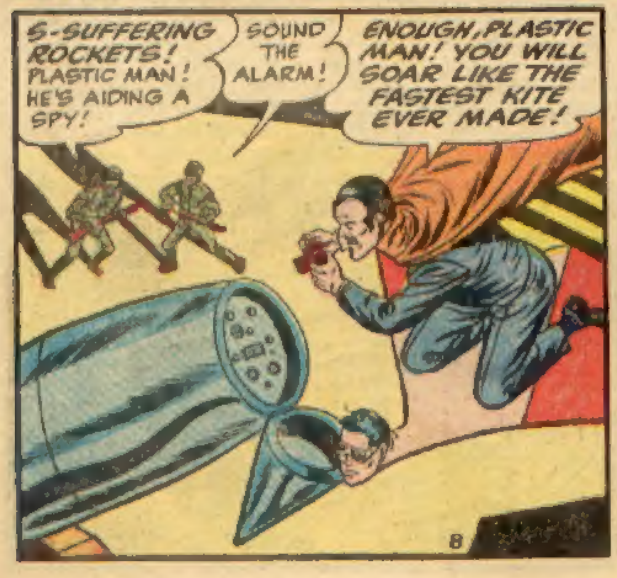

LATER, AT THE RED HEADQUARTERS...
AH, BE CALM, MY FRIENDS! MY COLORFUL COMPANION HAS DECIDED TO ASSIST US! BEHOLD!
WIZARD! H-HAVE YOU GONE MAD... BRINGING PLASTIC MAN HERE!
;G-GULP! PLASTIC MAN!

PLASTIC MAN! YOU WILL BECOME A RUG TO LIE AT OUR FEET... NOW... AT ONCE!
I...AM... A... RUG...
SHADES OF THE KREMLIN!

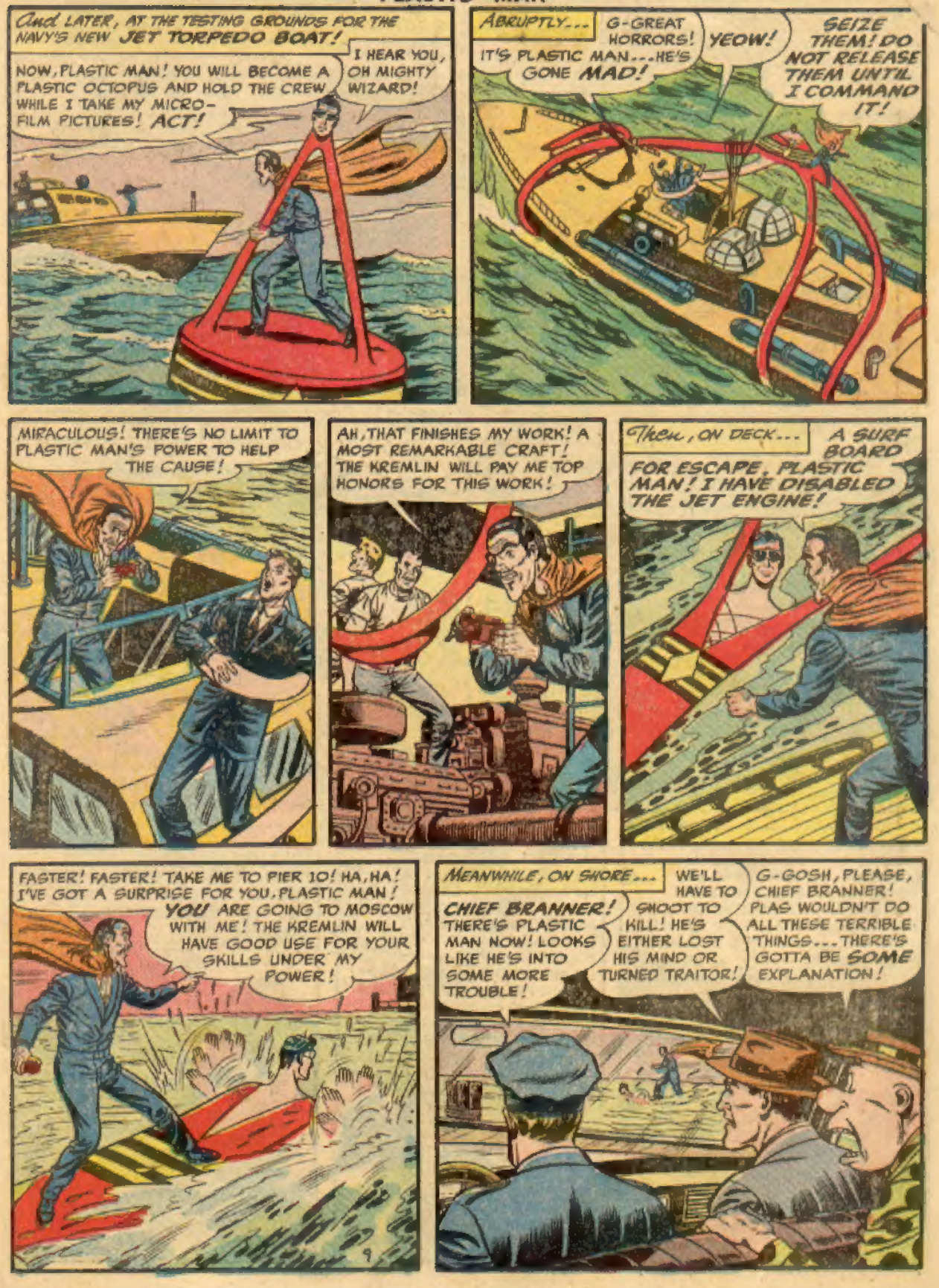
YOU'VE HYPNOTIZED HIM! HE'S A SLAVE TO YOUR WILL, WIZARD!
PRECISELY! NOW THEN, ZARKOV, DOWN TO BUSINESS! THE STOLEN RADAR PLANS AND SECRET TANK MICROFILM ARE SAFELY HIDDEN! WHEN PLASTIC MAN HELPS US STEAL THE OTHER U.S. SECRETS WE WILL PLACE THEM ALL IN A PACKET AND GET THEM TO MOSCOW!

HEH, HEH! IN A FLASH RAID WITH THIS RUBBER BUFFOON I'LL GET PICTURES OF THE ARMY'S NEW METEOR ROCKET AND JET PROPELLED TORPEDO BOAT! THEN IT'S OFF TO MOSCOW WITH THE FILM!


SOON AFTERWARD A COLORFUL "KITE" GLIDES OVER THE GUARD BARRIER OF THE ARMY'S SUPER METEOR ROCKET!
LOWER! LOWER, PLASTIC MAN! BRING ME TO THE NOSE OF THE ROCKET! YOU WILL OBEY ME!
AT ONCE, WIZARD!


S-SUFFERING ROCKETS! PLASTIC MAN! HE'S AIDING A SPY!
SOUND THE ALARM!
ENOUGH, PLASTIC MAN! YOU WILL SOAR LIKE THE FASTEST KITE EVER MADE!

HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!
GREAT SCOTT! IT'S UNBELIEVABLE! PLASTIC MAN... TURNING TRAITOR!


And LATER, AT THE TESTING GROUNDS FOR THE NAVY'S NEW JET TORPEDO BOAT!
NOW, PLASTIC MAN! YOU WILL BECOME A PLASTIC OCTOPUS AND HOLD THE CREW WHILE I TAKE MY MICRO-FILM PICTURES! ACT!
I HEAR YOU, OH MIGHTY WIZARD!
ABRUPTLY...
G-GREAT HORRORS! IT'S PLASTIC MAN...HE'S GONE MAD!
YEOW!
SEIZE THEM! DO NOT RELEASE THEM UNTIL I COMMAND IT!
MIRACULOUS! THERE'S NO LIMIT TO PLASTIC MAN'S POWER TO HELP THE CAUSE!
AH, THAT FINISHES MY WORK! A MOST REMARKABLE CRAFT! THE KREMLIN WILL PAY ME TOP HONORS FOR THIS WORK!
Then, ON DECK...
A SURF BOARD
FOR ESCAPE, PLASTIC MAN! I HAVE DISABLED THE JET ENGINE!
FASTER! FASTER! TAKE ME TO PIER 10! HA, HA! I'VE GOT A SURPRISE FOR YOU, PLASTIC MAN! YOU ARE GOING TO MOSCOW WITH ME! THE KREMLIN WILL HAVE GOOD USE FOR YOUR SKILLS UNDER MY POWER!
MEANWHILE, ON SHORE...
CHIEF BRANNER! THERE'S PLASTIC MAN NOW! LOOKS LIKE HE'S INTO SOME MORE TROUBLE!
WE'LL HAVE TO SHOOT TO KILL! HE'S EITHER LOST HIS MIND OR TURNED TRAITOR!
G-GOSH, PLEASE, CHIEF BRANNER! PLAS WOULDN'T DO ALL THESE TERRIBLE THINGS...THERE'S GOTTA BE SOME EXPLANATION!

And AT PIER 30 A MOMENT LATER...
SO THAT'S WHERE YOU HID THE RADAR PLANS AND TANK MICRO FILM PICTURES!
WE WILL PASS THROUGH CUSTOMS AND BOARD THE RUSSIAN FREIGHTER FOR HOME! AND THE BOUNCING BALL WILL HELP US SMUGGLE THE PLANS!
EXACTLY, ZARKOV! NOW
PLASTIC MAN! YOU WILL BECOME A... SUITCASE!
WITH PLEASURE, WIZARD...
HOW'S... THIS?
YIIIPE! NO, NO, SMALLER! MAKE YOURSELF... A... A GOAT!
EEEEIIIK!
YOUR WISH IS MY COMMAND, PAL!
OOOMPH!
LOOK OUT!
G-GOLLY!
EASY, EASY, PLASTIC MAN! WE KNOW YOU'RE A SICK MAN BUT WE'LL SHOOT IF WE HAVE TO!
DON'T WORRY, CHIEF, WOOZY... I'M PERFECTLY ALL RIGHT! WIZARD THOUGHT HE HAD ME HYPNOTIZED BUT IT WAS JUST A GAME!
HE DIDN'T REALIZE THAT HIS HYPNOTIC GAZE COULDN'T PENETRATE THROUGH MY GOGGLES! YOU SEE, I PLAYED ALONG AFTER SPOILING THE MICRO FILM IN HIS CAMERA BECAUSE I HAD TO FIND WHERE THE GOOD FILMS OF THE RADAR PLANS AND TANK PICTURES WERE HIDDEN!
W-WHEW! GOSH, PLAS, I KNEW NOBODY COULD ACTUALLY MAKE YOU DO THOSE THINGS!
OKAY, YOU WITCHY WIZARD... NOW I'M HYPNOTIZING YOU WITH FIFTY YEARS IN JAIL!